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FORMER DOUGLAS COUNTY JUDGE INDICTED FOR ADDITIONAL CHILD PORN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Douglas County, Mo., judge was indicted by a federal grand jury today for being in possession of child pornography.

Roger E. Wall, 58, of Ava, Mo., was charged in a three-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield. Today's superseding indictment replaces a Feb. 24, 2005, federal indictment by adding a second count that charges **Wall** with being in possession of child pornography.

Wall was an associate circuit judge for Missouri's 44th Circuit prior to his resignation, which was effective Feb. 21, 2005.

An initial appearance on the superseding indictment is scheduled before U.S. Chief Magistrate Judge James C. England at 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2006.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Wall** was in possession of videotapes containing child pornography in November 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Wall** was in possession of child pornography beginning in 1996 until as late as January 1998, the exact dates being unknown.

Count Three of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Wall** to forfeit to the government any videotapes or other matter alleged in the indictment.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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